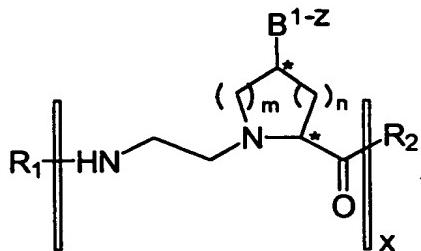


CLAIMS:

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Novel

1. A novel chiral, peptide nucleic acid oligomers having the formula :



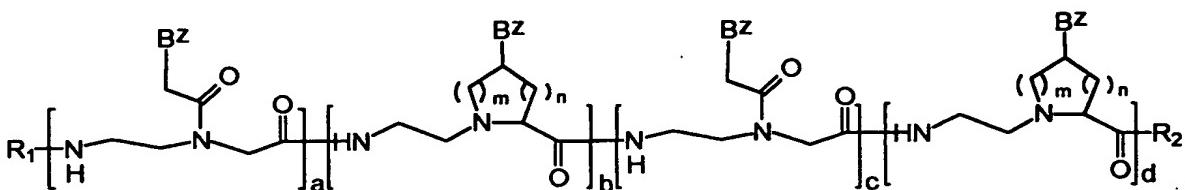
aep PNA II

Wherein,

- m and n are 1 to 2 and x = 1-20;
- each of B¹-B^z is independently selected from the group consisting of H, HO, NH₂, naturally occurring nucleobases adenine (A), thymine (T), cytosine (C) and guanine (G), non-naturally occurring nucleobases, DNA intercalators, heterocyclic moieties and reporter ligands;
- each chiral monomeric unit independently selected from the four possible diastereomers; and
- R₁=H/Fluorophore/Biotin; R₂=OH/NH(CH₂)₂COOH/NH(CH₂)₃NH(CH₂)₄NH(CH₂)₃NH₂.

Novel

2. A novel chiral, peptide nucleic acid oligomers having the formula :



aep PNA III

A diastereomers

which are heteropolymeric aepPNA III (with all four possible diastereomers) involving one or more substitution of the non-chiral *aeg* unit of aminoethylglycyl PNA I in aepPNA II as below:

- each chiral monomer unit independently selected from the four possible diastereomers,
- a,b,c,d,m,n are integers with independent values in the range 1to10 and various combinations thereof,
- R₁ is H/COCH₃ or L (corresponding to a fluorophore e.g. dansyl, carboxyfluorescein),
- R₂ is OH, NH₂, NHCH₂CH₂COOH, sperminyl i.e., NH(CH₂)₃NH(CH₂)₄ NH(CH₂)₃NH₂, and
- each of B¹-B² is independently selected from the group consisting of H, HO, NH₂, naturally occurring nucleobases, non-naturally occurring nucleobases, DNA intercalators, heterocyclic moieties and reporter ligands.

Novel

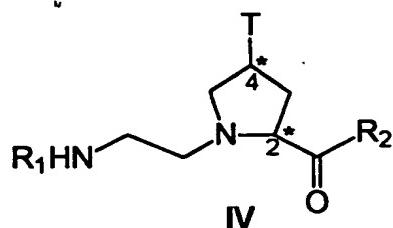
3. A novel chiral, peptide nucleic acid oligomers as claimed in claim 2, wherein m=n=1; B² = T; R₁=H; R₂ = NH (CH₂)₂COOH, with

- i. a=7, b=1, c=d=0,
- ii. a=c=3, b=d=1,
- iii. a=b=c=d=1, repeating twice in that order,
- iv. a=b=c=0, d=8,

v. a=d=0, b=1, c=7-11 and with various combinations of B².

- Novel* 4. A novel chiral, peptide nucleic acid as claimed in *claim 1 or claim 2*, wherein the oligomers are synthesized by adaptation of standard peptide synthesis procedures, either in solution or in solid phase.

5. A monomer precursor-synthon having the formula IV



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Wherein,

- $R_1 = H/Boc/Fmoc$, $R_2 = OMe/OH/OEt/Obenzyl$,
- variation of chirality at positions 2 and 4 leading to four diastereomers ($2S,4R$), ($2R,4S$), ($2S,4S$) and ($2R,4R$), and
- T is the nucleo base.

6. A monomer precursor-synthon as claimed in claim 5, wherein T is a naturally occurring nucleobase.

7. A process for preparing compounds according to claim 5, comprising the steps of :

- A. providing the alkylating reagent (N-Boc)-2-aminoethylbromide (2) in two steps from 2-aminoethanol;
- B. providing N-alkylation of 4-hydroxyprolinemethylester with reagent prepared as in ~~claim 7A~~
 - alkylation of $4R$ -hydroxy- $2S$ -prolinemethylester (1a) with (N-Boc)-2-aminoethyl bromide (2) to afford [1-(N-Boc)-2-aminoethyl]- $4R$ -hydroxy- $2S$ -prolinemethyl ester (3),
 - alkylation of $4R$ -hydroxy- $2R$ -prolinemethylester (1b) with (N-Boc)-2-aminoethyl bromide (2) to afford [1-(N-Boc)-2-aminoethyl]- $4R$ -hydroxy- $2R$ -prolinemethyl ester (5),
 - alkylation of $4S$ -hydroxy- $2R$ -prolinemethylester with (N-Boc)-2-aminoethyl bromide (2) to afford [1-(N-Boc)-2-aminoethyl]- $4S$ -hydroxy- $2R$ -proline methylester
 - alkylation of $4S$ -hydroxy- $2S$ -prolinemethylester with (N-Boc)-2-aminoethyl bromide (2) to afford [1-(N-Boc)-2-aminoethyl]- $4S$ -hydroxy- $2S$ -proline methylester,
and
- C. producing monomer synthons (4a) and (6a) by Mitsunobu reaction of compounds prepared according to ~~claim 7B~~ with N3-benzoylthymine.

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8. A process for introducing novel chiral monomers as claimed in ~~claim 7C~~ at specific/desired position(s) in the oligomers of desired sequences
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9. A process for sequence specific recognition of a single or double stranded polynucleotide (DNA, RNA), by the oligomers as per ~~claims 1 and 2~~ derived from the compounds according to claim 7.
10. A method of using peptide nucleic acid oligomers as claimed in claim 9 for diagnosing and/or modulating the expression of genes in organisms.
11. A method as claimed claim 10 wherein said modulation includes inhibiting transcription and replication of the said gene.
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12. A process for treating disease conditions associated with undesired protein production ~~claims 1 and 2~~ in an organism by using the compound according to ~~claims 1 and 2~~.
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13. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to ~~claims 1 and 2~~ along with any other pharmaceutically effective agents.
- Claim 1 or claim 2
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